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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6860 DATE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2000

BILL NUMBER: HB 1682 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Optional Full-Day Kindergarten.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides that the governing body of a school corporation may establish a full-day, half-day, or combination program for kindergarten. For a school corporation that establishes a full-day kindergarten program, the bill provides that the parent of an enrolled kindergarten student determines whether the student attends kindergarten for a full- or half-day.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: School corporations that choose to implement full-day kindergarten will probably have to hire new teachers. Under existing statute, to the extent that these new teachers are first year teachers, the state will pay \$600 per mentor teacher for the beginning teacher.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill clarifies that a school may offer a full-day, half-day, or combination program for kindergarten. Currently, about 9,560 students attend full-day kindergarten programs offered by approximately 141 elementary schools. Some schools have been offering full-day kindergarten for more than 10 years. Local schools would have to establish full-day kindergarten programs using existing revenue sources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local School Corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education.

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